

The last 20 years have brought major changes to the individual companies that were once scattered across the country and built to meet regional energy needs.

For example, in 1992, El Paso Natural Gas, once acquired by Burlington Resources, was spun off by Burlington and announced an initial public offering of its stock. Later in the decade, facing the possible loss of contractual agreements with California, El Paso Natural Gas explored options to expand the company's operations and income base. The solution: El Paso acquired the energy business of Tenneco Energy. The acquisition extended El Paso's interstate pipeline system from coast to coast. El Paso moved its corporate headquarters to Houston, Texas, and changed its name to El Paso Energy Corporation to reflect the company's expanding role in the energy industry.

On a growth trajectory, El Paso merged with Sonat Inc., which founded its pipeline operations in 1929 as Southern Natural Gas. This merger expanded El Paso's pipeline operations into the southeast United States and initiated the company's entrance into the exploration and production business.

By 2001, the company changed its name to El Paso Corporation and completed its merger with The Coastal Corporation, bringing Colorado Interstate Gas Company and Wyoming Interstate into the company's pipeline operations. The merger also significantly increased the size of the company's exploration and production business. El Paso Natural Gas moved its headquarters to Colorado Springs, Colorado, joining with Colorado Interstate Gas to form El Paso's Western Pipeline Group. Tennessee Gas Pipeline and the company's Exploration and Production group shared space in the downtown Houston building, and Southern Natural remained headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama.

Following the repercussions felt by the implosion of Enron, El Paso Corporation hired Doug Foshee as president and chief executive officer and later announced its long-range plan. The company's employees, energized by a renewed vision to be the place to work, the neighbor to have, and the company to own, dedicated themselves to working as one team focused on turning around El Paso Corporation and making it the premier natural gas pipeline and exploration and production company.

Today, every employee from the executive suite to the compressor station floor is committed to upholding our values of Stewardship, Integrity, Safety, Accountability, and Excellence in all we do. We can be found in communities across the United States, in Brazil, and in our new operations in Egypt, contributing not only to the economic success of our hometowns, but working to make these places better through our presence.

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